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Mr. Richard C. Helms
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

You will recall that in my letter of last January 24, I asked your assistance in a study of current economic developments in Eastern Europe being prepared by the Joint Economic Committee. You graciously agreed to have representatives of your agency contribute to the project and to have them keep in touch with Leon Herman of the Library of Congress, who was coordinating the work for the Committee.

We are all saddened by Mr. Herman's sudden death, but we are sure that all of the cooperators will be anxious to see that the project is carried through to a successful conclusion, thereby doing honor to his memory while adding to our knowledge about that vital region of the world.

I understand from the staff that work on the project is progressing in a satisfactory fashion and that we may expect to have the various chapter drafts completed by the end of July 1969. Mr. Lester Jayson, Director of the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress will have the work on the project coordinated by his staff. He suggests that the completed drafts be sent to Mr. Vladimir Pregelj, a member of his staff. I have asked the Joint Economic Committee staff to work very closely with Mr. Jayson.

The Committee is most anxious to complete this study on schedule and I hope your contributors will meet the July deadline. If you have any questions about the project, you should feel free to call John Stark, Executive Director of the Joint Economic Committee.

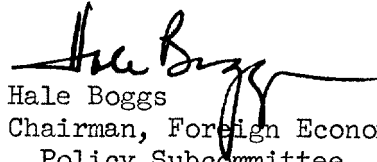
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Again, I wish to let you and your staff know that the Committee appreciates your efforts on this very important study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hale Boggs", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Hale Boggs
Chairman, Foreign Economic
Policy Subcommittee
Joint Economic Committee